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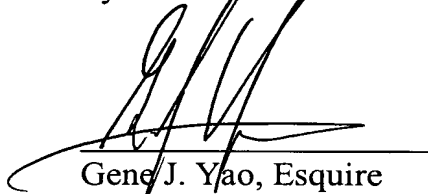
REMARKS

In the Examiner's March 24, 2006 Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 9 and 37 to 39 were allowed and rejected Claims 8 and 10 to 36.

While not acquiescing to the Examiner's rejections, for the purpose of expediting the allowance of the present application, applicants have cancelled the rejected claims without prejudice. The Examiner's rejections have, therefore, been rendered moot. In addition, Claim 9 has been amended to delete material that is not necessary to define the invention and to clarify that, in the conjugate defined therein, R¹ is methyl or tertiary butyl and n is 1 or 2. Support for this amendment is in Claim 9 as filed originally.

In view of the fact that the presently pending claims (Claims 9 and 37 to 39) have been allowed, applicants request respectfully the allowance of the present application.

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